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Members of the Health Care Community,

You are cordially invited to attend a public forum hosted by the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) for the health care community in Southwest Virginia.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the entry of Medicaid contracted Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) into Southwest Virginia beginning July 1, 2012. Virginia Medicaid staff will explain how this changes the way that Medicaid covered services will be provided for managed care eligible enrollees and how it will affect providers. Ample time will be given for questions and answers from members of the public. Representatives from the six MCOs that will provide managed care coverage in Southwest Virginia will also be present. Attached is the press release issued announcing this expansion.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at Virginia Highlands Community College in Abingdon. The meeting will be held in the Learning Resource Center, 100 Opportunity Lane, Room 605. (Refreshments will be served at 8:30 AM for a meet and greet time before the meeting begins.)

Please send your RSVP to Tina Weatherford at tina.weatherford@dmas.virginia.gov by Wednesday, April 18, 2012. The agenda and more details will be forwarded to all who RSVP at a later date. If you have questions, Ms. Weatherford may be reached by phone at 804-786-0194.

We look forward to seeing you at Virginia Highlands Community College.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Bryan Tomlinson, II".

H. Bryan Tomlinson, II, Director
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Attachment



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Commonwealth of Virginia Announces the Expansion of Managed Care Services to Medicaid and FAMIS Enrollees in the Far Southwest Region

Richmond, VA - The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) announces that it has contracted with six managed care organizations (MCOs) to expand the availability of managed care services to Medicaid and the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan (FAMIS) enrollees throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

These MCOs will provide coverage for medical services to approximately 45,000 eligible Medicaid and FAMIS individuals in the counties of Bland, Bristol, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Galax, Grayson, Lee, Norton, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington and Wise.

Effective July 1, 2012, Medicaid and FAMIS eligible individuals in these localities will access health care services through one of the following MCOs: Amerigroup Community Care, Anthem HealthKeepers Inc., MajestaCare - A Health Plan of Carilion Clinic, CareNet-Southern Health, Optima Family Care, and Virginia Premier Health Plan.

MCOs have been providing coverage to eligible Virginia enrollees since 1996. DMAS currently contracts with the MCOs to provide health care services to approximately 625,000 of the 960,500 Medicaid and FAMIS individuals in other localities around the state. Managed care provides Medicaid and FAMIS enrollees 24/7 access to nurse advice lines, case management services, disease management programs, credentialed provider networks and enrollee outreach.

The video from the Managed Care Open Forum held in Abingdon on October 19, 2011 is available on line at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUc0_Z6UIPU.

For the most up-to-date information about the managed care expansion visit - http://dmasva.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mc-home.aspx or contact the DMAS Office of Communications. *Contact information at top of release.*